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JOBLESS CONGRESS POSTPONED TO MARCH 10 Thousands Rally For Lenin-Memorials Throughout State

Large Meetings Planned In S. F. And Los Angeles

WORKERS TO REVIEW
ACHIEVEMENTS OF
LENINISM

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The glorious achievements of the Soviet Union made possible only by the Communist Party's Leninist leadership of the workers and farmers, will this year be celebrated by thousands of California workers as they gather to commemorate the death of that great revolutionary leader, Lenin. Workers at Lenin Memorial meetings to be held in many cities throughout the state will not only review with pride the victories of 170,000,000 of their fellow-workers in the Soviet Union, but will pay tribute to the deathless memory of Lenin by pledging renewed struggle for the Leninist, revolutionary way out of the misery of the capitalist system.

Speakers at these meetings, leaders of working class struggles throughout the state, will expose the anti-working class program of Roosevelt on a national scale and of Merriam in California, and offer to the assembled workers a program of struggle to win immediate concession from the master class and final emancipation from the slavery of capitalism.

Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party and recent Communist candidate for governor, will speak at two meetings in San Francisco on the evening of January 21st. One of these will be held at Corinthian Hall, 245 Valencia Street; the other at Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore Street. Good programs and other speakers will be presented at both.

In Los Angeles, Lawrence Ross will be the main speaker at a huge rally to be held at the Mason Theater, 127 So. Broadway. Skits by the Workers Theater and much more will be presented.

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Four Ships At Pedro Strike Against Scabs

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Jan. 16.—The crews of four ships were on strike here in the harbor against the employment of scabs. The Point Clear and the Point Ancha had been tied up since Friday, Jan. 11.

The crew of the Point Ancha, which struck against the use of the 2nd Engineer, went back to work this morning when the scab was taken off the ship. He is the same scab who kept up steam when the Point Ancha was on strike. The Point Clear and the Point Ancha were struck by longshoremen because ten scabs were being used to unload lumber. The scabs of these ships turned off the steam and no work is being done. There also are rumors that the Ford ship, Onondaga will be struck.

Meanwhile, the Marine Workers Industrial Union has called a mass meeting of all scamen on the beach for Friday, January 18, for the purpose of discussing proposals of the National Committee of the MWIU on the merger of all marine unions.

Hauptmann Defense Being Aided By Nazi Funds, Hearst Press

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 17.—Open collection of funds for Hauptmann's defense forced his attorney, Edward J. Reilly, to issue a denial that Hitlerites were contributing to the defense fund. Further investigation, however, only corroborates the fact that Nazis are assisting in the defense of Hauptmann. This was shown in a recent Nazi meeting in New York, by Haegele, leader of a Nazi faction that split off from the Friends of New Germany, leading American Nazi organization, and formed the League of American National Socialists. He charged that the majority group, led by Dr. Schuk, was "misusing" the organization's funds.

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ZINOVIEV AND KAMENEV GET 10 AND 5 YR. TERMS

TROTSKYITE TERRORISTS
ADMIT GUILT; 17 OTHERS
SENTENCED

LENINGRAD, Jan. 17.—Gregory Zinoviev and Leo Kamenev, self-confessed participants in the terrorist counter-revolutionary plots against the government, were sentenced today. Zinoviev was given ten years in prison and Kamenev five years. The seventeen others on trial were given varying from five to ten years.

LENINGRAD, Jan. 5.—Gregory Zinoviev and Leo Kamenev, formerly open leaders of the Trotskyite counter-revolutionary group in the Soviet Union, have with seventeen others pleaded guilty to participation in the terrorist group which plotted the murder of Kirov December 1.

The assassination had already been traced to the activity of a terrorist group known as the "Leningrad Centre." At first it was thought the members of it had only in the past been identified with the former Zinoviev-Kamenev anti-Soviet group, which followed a counter-revolutionary line of Trotskyism. This had led to the detention of both Zinoviev and Kamenev for further investigation.

It has now been definitely established, however, that both Zinoviev and Kamenev not only maintained the counter-revolutionary group in existence, but were the ideological stimulant to the recent terrorist plot and the assassination of Kirov.

Thus the essential counter-revolutionary role of Trotskyism stands exposed in joint action with white Russian assassins sent in from surrounding countries.

With no hope of winning mass support from the workers and peasants who are building socialism under the Leninist leadership of the Communist Party, this group of political degenerates resorted to terror in a desperate and futile attempt to stem the tide of revolutionary victories.

Already the lightning-swift arm of proletarian justice has struck in the execution of 123 terrorists, many of them caught with bombs and guns in their possession.

The trial of Zinoviev, Kamenev and the others was being conducted by the Military Tribunal of the Supreme Court.

Labor's Enemies In C. S. Frameup

WESTERN WORKER SACRAMENTO BUREAU, Jan. 12.—The names of Sacramento enemies of labor who are clamoring for the blood of the working class leaders who organized successful strikes among California workers have been revealed.

The list is not complete and comprises most of the smaller, toadying capitalists behind whom the larger capitalist interests crouch. They are the notorious "civic leaders" who put up a howl when it looked as though McAllister would not handle the criminal syndicalism prosecution.

This city, of which they proudly boast leadership, has the largest red light district for its size of any community in the State, has a Hooverville-Rooseveltville in which between ten and fifteen thousand destitute workers live in dirt floor hovels similar to those of the Indians and rummage in the city garbage dump for food;

has more beggars than any Chinese town of the same size, and maintains the general outward appearance of a Siberian village under the reign of the Czar.

Here are the names of some of the Sacramento enemies of the working class who instructed Attorney General Webb to order that the anti-labor shyster McAllister be retained as prosecutor in the C. S. cases:

City Manager James S. Dean. Alden Anderson, president of the Capitol National Bank. George Peltier, vice-president and manager of the Eighth and J Streets office of the Bank of America.

B. F. Vanderberg, vice-president of the Bank of America. Arthur S. Dudley, secretary-manager of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

M. B. Kunz, commander of Post No. 61, American Legion. Victor Lindblad, assistant.

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GALLAGHER HITS WEBB ACTION AS C.S. TRIAL OPENS

RED HYNES IN COMMAND
AS LITERATURE IS READ
IN COURT

By Michael Quin.
WESTERN WORKER SACRAMENTO BUREAU, Jan. 16.—Trial of the seventeen workers on charges of Criminal Syndicalism framed by former District Attorney Neil R. McAllister at the instigation of California industrialists and land owners opened with a sharp conflict between the prosecution and defense.

Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher challenged the authority of Attorney General Webb in appointing McAllister and his two aides, Lloyd Buchler and Chris Johnson, as special prosecutors of the case after McAllister had been defeated at the polls. When Judge Dal M. Lennon overruled the objection, Gallagher stated:

"Just as the Attorney General in the last elections tried to prevent 100,000 voters from exercising their right to vote, so now he is attempting to destroy local democracy by ousting elected officials of the people and establishing a powerful political machine which will operate on the dictatorial principles of fascism."

Interest of Capital.

Martin Wilson, one of the workers acting as his own defense, cited that the "public interest" had expressed its will in the matter by defeating McAllister at the polls and that the Attorney General was not acting in their interest but in the interests of private capitalists.

Defense Attorney Goldman pointed out the present red-scare campaign in the Legislature and by newspapers as a part of the frame-up against the defendants. He motioned for dismissal of the jury and postponement of the trial so that the court could investigate the obvious bias of the private capital to railroad the seven working class organizers. The judge denied the motion.

Hired For Year?

In presenting his credentials, McAllister stated that he was hired at \$4500 per year to be paid by the State. His two aides are to receive, Johnson \$4050 and Buchler \$3500. When questioned by Gallagher he refused to state whether he had been hired for a year or just for this trial. The implication is that he may be retained to prosecute further frame-up attempts.

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Short Session Of Legislature Cause of Delay

Red Reporters Are Banned By State Senate

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—Acting on the initiative of the "liberal" Lieutenant-Governor Hatfield, the Senate today manifested its belief in the principles of democracy and free press by voting to refuse press credentials to Michael Quin and D. Dayton Craig, Western Worker reporters assigned to cover the legislative sessions. The fact that more than 100,000 citizens of the state voted Communist in the recent election meant nothing to these "representatives of the people" in denying these rights to the workers' press.

Previous to the "heroic" action taken by Hatfield regarding the sanctity of capitalism's legislative halls, H. Howe, secretary to the alert lieutenant-governor, had written the following letter, dated January 13, to Lawrence Ross of the Western Worker:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference to D. Dayton Craig and Michael Quin as representatives of the Western Worker at the legislative session in Sacramento. In accordance with your request they will be accorded the usual press courtesies."

Very truly yours,
H. Howe, Secretary to
George J. Hatfield,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Upon Hatfield's return to Sacramento from the South he was quick to remedy the grave political error made by his secretary.

BILL TO BE PRESENTED
TO ASSEMBLYMEN ON
JANUARY 23.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The California Congress of Unemployed will be held at Sacramento March 10 and 11, instead of February 3 and 4, as had previously been planned.

The postponement was made necessary by the fact that the California State Legislature will conclude its initial session sometime during the last week in January.

A committee of delegates, to be chosen at the preliminary united front unemployed conference to be held in Redmen's Hall here Sunday, January 20, will present the State Unemployed and Social Insurance Bill to the State Legislature on Wednesday, January 23.

The conference will begin at 1 P. M. Sunday. A legislative ruling says all bills must be introduced at the first session.

Movement Will Spread

The postponement will permit a further widening of the mass united front movement for adequate social insurance, according to the State Action Committee, and will further insure the success of the Congress. Although the Workers Bill already will have been introduced to the legislature, the signature list of 100,000 names will be presented by the Congress to the Assemblymen.

Meanwhile, at Sacramento the capitalist papers have announced that an "army of 2000 Reds" is preparing to storm the city, and the police are holding out drills at the State Fair Grounds, and are being trained by experts in (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3.)

HOUSE GETS FARMER BILL AS NATIONAL CONVENTION CLOSES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—The Farmers Emergency Relief Bill was introduced by "request" Wednesday, January 11, in the House of Representatives by Usher Burdick, Representative-at-large from North Dakota. It is numbered H. R. 3471.

Fifty-three delegates from twenty states attended the First National Conference of Agricultural Workers which was held here this week. The establishment of a united front central body, with which all groups not represented at the congress may affiliate, and the conclusion of a united front agreement between the Tenant Union of Arkansas and the Sharecroppers Union of Alabama were among the major accomplishments of the Congress. The Arkansas group is Socialist led.

A fighting program of action was drawn up which includes the following points: To cooperate with all existing organizations of rural and agricultural workers for the developing of one united union; to work with all groups in the industrial areas for the furthering of this union; to assist in every way in aiding existing organizations and develop national wide support for their struggles. These points were incorporated in the manifesto of the Congress which will be printed in thousands for wide distribution among the rural populations of the country.

A National Committee was set up which will cooperate with state and local groups in the calling of regional conferences of small farmers and rural workers for the purpose of securing effective trade union activity. The Congress authorized the National Committee to issue a bi-monthly news bulletin and other material.

Fake Jobless Insurance And Anti-Red Bills Introduced

By D. Dayton Craig.

WESTERN WORKER SACRAMENTO BUREAU, Jan. 15.—Of the twenty-six bills introduced in the Assembly today, (making a total of eighty-nine bills introduced to date, three are of particular concern to the working class. A second counterfeit unemployment insurance bill was introduced, a bill placing certain restrictions on firms employing stoolpigeons, and a bill to institute a "boobytrap" renaissance of art and literature by herding destitute artists and writers into self-help cooperatives.

A duplicate of the unemployment insurance evasion bill was introduced into the Senate.

A report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Unemployment Insurance was submitted to both the Senate and the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 30, Jan. 11, 1935. Introduced by Senator Ray W. Hays, Republican, 30th District, Fresno, home address, Brix Bldg., Fresno, local address, Senate Chamber, State Capitol, Sacramento.

And Senator Charles H. Deuel, Democrat-Republican, 6th District, Butte, home address, Chico, Cal., now stopping at the Auditorium Apts., 925 Sixteenth St., Sacramento.

And Senator Dan E. Williams,

Republican-Democrat, 26th District, Tuolumne, Mariposa and Calaveras Counties, home address, Sonora, Calif., now stopping at 1818 N. St., Sacramento.

ASSEMBLY BILL No. 86, (duplicate of Senate Bill No. 30) Jan. 11, 1935. Introduced by Assemblyman C. C. Cottrell, Attorney, Republican-Democrat, District 31, Santa Clara, home address, 256 S. 17th St., San Jose, now stopping at Hotel Senator, Sacramento.

And Assemblyman William M. Moseley Jones, attorney, Democrat-Republican, District 51, Los Angeles, home address: 113 N. 21st St., Montebello, now stopping at Hotel Sacramento.

And Assemblyman Jesse M. Mayo, publisher, Republican-Democrat, District 6, Calaveras County, home address: Angels Camp, now stopping at Hotel Sacramento.

And Assemblyman William B. Hornblower, attorney, Republican-Democrat, District 23, San Francisco, home address, 1530 Guerrero St., S. F.

And Assemblyman Melvyn I. Cronin, attorney, Republican-Democrat, District 25, San Francisco, home address: 350 Laguna Honda Blvd., phone MONTrose 0075, San Francisco.

And Assemblyman Ray William

son, attorney, Republican-Democrat, District 26, San Francisco, home address: 756 Page St., S. F., now stopping at Hotel Senator.

(Where Sacramento address is not given, address care of the Assembly Chamber, State Capitol. Home addresses are given because the Legislature, at the close of present proceedings, will adjourn for one month to chew over and decide on all bills introduced. During this time, workers will want to contact representatives from their districts and inform them of their sentiments in regard to proposed legislation.)

This is a bill designed to counter the mass demand of the working class for unemployment insurance. It is patterned after the "reserve fund" recommendations of the Roosevelt administration. It provides that employers shall put in 3 per cent of their payrolls and workers one per cent of their wages. Workers' benefits are limited according to the amount they have paid in. Only large scale employment is included. No benefits are obtainable until four weeks after losing job.

A network of conditions and considerations is included which would enable the most flexible sort of interpretation to suit the whims of employers.

Committee Report.

The report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Unemployment Insurance, appointed to investigate the subject, compared almost identically with the two artificial unemployment insurance bills already introduced. Every recommendation of this report has been incorporated into these two bills.

Concerning Stool-Pigeons.

Assembly Bill No. 71, Jan. 11, 1935, introduced by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins, Economist, Democrat, District 62, home address: 1336 E. 40th St., Los Angeles, Calif., now stopping at Hotel Berry, Sacramento.

This is a bill providing that employers hiring stool-pigeons shall in every case grant a hearing to employees before disciplining or discharging them, also confront them with evidence and with the person who secured that evidence.

Concerning Art.

Assembly Bill No. 83, Jan. 11, 1935, introduced by Assemblyman Charles W. Lyon, attorney, Republican-Democrat, District 59, home address: 1052 Redondo Blvd., Los Angeles, now stopping at Hotel Sacramento.

This is a bill providing for the establishment of Self-Help Artists' Cooperative aid projects in which artists and writers will perform creative work under the supervision and censorship of the Relief Administration. An unstipulated amount of money is to be appropriated to get these groups started and to pay the salaries of the bureaucracy that will manage them. The portraits of George Washington and grazing cows approved by the censors will be merchandized to keep the Renaissance going.

Workers Lobby.

Legislation directly concerning the working class is dividing itself into two main groups. (1) Efforts to betray the demands of workers for real unemployment and social insurance by substituting counterfeit bills. (2) Efforts to shackle the working class with suppressive legislation equal to anything imposed in fascist Germany.

An hysterical newspaper campaign is now being carried out (Hearst leading) against the "Reds" and the "Communists." Under cover of this caterwauling and in pretense of preserving an imaginary American Democracy, these fascist laws are being pushed through. The publicity campaign is designed not alone to

prejudice the most politically ignorant sections of the population, but to create a synthetic appearance of aroused public indignation.

Here in Sacramento the connivance of the wealthy industrialists with the legislators is plainly apparent. The corrupt practice of lobbying allowed by law (the practice of private interests hiring expert "persuaders" to infest the halls of the Capitol, buttonhole legislators and get them to pass laws favorable to profit) is not only being strained to put through business legislation but to force through anti-working class bills.

Only a determined campaign of working class protest BEGUN NOW can hope to block this treachery. This protest campaign must be united on three points: (1) To demand real unemployment insurance. (2) To block fascist legislation. (3) To prevent the railroad of the seventeen working class leaders who are being framed on charges of Criminal Syndicalism in the Sacramento Courts right now, and to repeal the C. S. Law.

The campaign must be, not only to block fake insurance bills but to demand the passage of real bills. Not only to block fascist laws introduced, but to repeal existing laws.

Hougardy, Gallagher Broadcast On C. S. Frame-Up Banned

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Following the boss dictatorship of radio which forced cancellation of the Workers School week by broadcast and the answer to Hearst's attacks which was scheduled for last Sunday, Station KTAB without notice cancelled (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6.)

TROYANOVSKY HITS "STARVATION" LIES IN S. F. ADDRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—In a speech delivered at the Commonwealth Club luncheon here today, Alexander Troyanovsky, Soviet Russia's ambassador to the United States, answered the White Guard propaganda of the Hearst press in its uncertain manner.

Describing his return trip from Moscow, through Siberia, and to San Francisco, where he arrived today by boat from Japan, Troyanovsky derided the accusations made concerning alleged "starvation" in Soviet Russia, and indicated that the accusers might better look to the welfare of the people in their own country, where all did not seem to be as well as it could be.

By facts and figures he indicated that not only was the land of the Soviets absolutely free from a food shortage, but actually there was a great surplus on hand, and bread rationing had been discontinued for all time.

Troyanovsky spoke in very plain terms concerning the recent assassination of Kirov and the killing of King Alexander and Barthou, explaining that the Bolsheviks have always been against acts of terror, and that these acts were always futile gestures of a powerless minority. He said that revolutionary action, to be successful, must have the support of the masses of people of any country, and that revolutionary activity is not a foreign importation, but arises from a mass unwillingness to submit to oppressive economic conditions within a country.

In describing what he had seen in Soviet Russia, Troyanovsky dwelled upon the universal cheer of the workers and peasants. With eloquent deliberation he drew a picture of the realities of Soviet life that made a deep impression upon his audience and upon those listening by radio.

Dollar Line Carries Bombers To Chiang Kai Shek, Munition Material To Japan

East of the Rockies

Mob Kills Jailed Negro

FRANKLINGTON, La., Jan. 11—An organized mob of well-to-do "citizens" seized Jerome Wilson, thirty-year-old Negro, in his cell and riddled him with bullets. His body was dragged from the jail and dumped outside the town. The murdered Negro worker had been jailed on a framed-up charge of killing a police officer who had been shot in a quarrel when police forced their way into his home on an alleged livestock inspection. Wilson had been granted a new trial by the State Supreme Court which was forced to admit the flimsiness of the charges against him.

3 More Shot In Garage Strike

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 11—Three more striking garage workers were shot by police here today, bringing the total of pickets so far shot by police to six. Oil station attendants were scheduled to vote Monday night as to whether they will strike in sympathy with the garage workers.

The initial negotiations between strikers and the National Labor Board struck a snag when the strikers stuck to their original demands and refused to be budged. So far the A. F. of L. leadership has failed to make one move toward organizing a mass protest against the shootings. The militancy of the strikers is growing and the Unemployed Councils are recognized by them as an important factor in the strike.

Washington, D. C., Destitute Face Starvation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15—Approximately one person out of every six in the nation's capital now is on relief, it was revealed here recently. In spite of the fact that Washington is supposed to be a "beautiful" city, the Federal Budget Bureau and Congress have refused to allocate the \$3,000,000 asked for relief purposes. Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins, in line with the government's policy of refusing to care for the so-called "unemployables," has announced 5,000 of them will be dropped from the relief rolls. Although relief here is directly under the control of the national administration, these 5,000 wretched destitute of the nation's capital will not be exempted from the Roosevelt relief slashing program.

Auto Payrolls Drop

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 16—In spite of National Automobile Shows and official "statistics" purporting to show the increase of production and sales in the auto industry, the Michigan Department of Labor and Industry has issued a statement to the effect that total payrolls in the industry have declined by 6 per cent from October, at a time when employment was increasing one-half of one per cent.

The decline in payrolls can be attributed to the wage cuts which have been introduced in most plants. The statistics also show the average weekly wages in transportation equipment industry, mostly consisting of auto workers, declined 8 per cent during the same period.

29 Held In Georgia Concentration Camp

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 11—With the report that three more "baptists" had been arrested at the Richmond Hoosier Mill in Knoxville, the total of militant workers now being held in the Atlanta "Detention" Camp has reached twenty-nine. Three hundred fifty National Guardsmen are stationed at the mill.

Four hoosier mills, all units of the Richmond Company, remained tied up in the strike, with more than a thousand workers involved. At Knoxville, which is on the Georgia side of the state line, three or more people gathered together is considered a "crowd" and are suppressed.

SAN BERN'DO SERA REFUSE WORK TO 36 YR. RESIDENT

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 16.—My statements all can be proved. Previous to the active functioning of the SERA I presented an application for the position of paymaster or timekeeper. I was refused consideration due mainly to the fact that in my past employment I had never permitted company finances to stick to my fingers—and also because my clothes are not so good as others and the local Car would not accept my services.

The SERA is supposed to be for the relief of those who are unemployed. Take a look at the time cars parked adjacent and immediately behind the rear door of the local SERA office, 1140 F Street, and see what you think. Nothing done during the rule of the Russian Czars showed more despotism or autocratical domination than that displayed by Harold Thorsen of the local SERA. Is this done with the approval of the Federal Administration?

*** Forced On Charity.**
Since Jan. 1 I have been compelled to accept charity from the Welfare Bureau, which I do not want. Either that, or starve. I was first told by the Welfare Board to "roll down the highway or go to the Poor Farm." How could you like to have that told you in a community where you had spent the major part of the past thirty-five years? I attended school here; my folks formerly owned a home here.

The Welfare Board later changed their minds and gave me \$9 per month. Can you live on that? We both live on this world the same way.

*** Refuse Investigation.**
The San Bernardino County Grand Jury recently refused to consider my request for an investigation, due to instructions from the district attorney, Stanley Russell. Is this right?

Does the New Deal mean a Raw Deal? Must I do without while the possessors of fine cars enjoy everything?

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10 BOMBERS, BALES OF GUN COTTON, ON PRES. MONROE

DOCKWORKERS REPORT 50 PLANES TO BE SENT TO ATTACK RED CHINA

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The S.S. Pres. Monroe, due to sail today for Japan and China, was well stocked with a varied assortment of war materials, including ten huge bombers consigned to the Central Bank of China at Shanghai.

The planes were loaded at the Los Angeles harbor and were marked as coming from Inglewood. About 1000 bales of gun-cotton, a very important ingredient in the manufacture of munitions, were marked for Kobe, Japan, as were a number of big drums stamped with the Du Pont insignia.

Dock workers declare other shipments of planes are intended in the near future and a seaman, in a position to know the facts, told the Western Worker that about fifty planes will be shipped.

Once the bombers are in the hands of the Military Council at Shanghai, they will be used by the Chiang Kai-Shek traitors to slaughter the workers and peasants who are fighting for a Soviet China.

For a period of months, agents of the Japanese imperialists have busied themselves in West Coast ports, buying up old ships and arranging for the shipment of munitions. Japan recently purchased three steel hull ships from the Alaska Packers Association.

It is an open secret that Japanese imperialists are going ahead full blast with their war preparations against the Soviet Union, and in cooperation with Chiang Kai-Shek, against Soviet China. The American imperialists—the owners of the scrap iron, the munitions and the old ships—are reaping immense profits from Japan's war maneuvers.

Join the army of 5,000 new subscribers for the Western Worker by March 1.

Jack McDonald's BOOK STORE
Latest Books On Russia
Also books and pamphlets for students of Communism.
65 Sixth St., San Francisco

"You Manufactured The Evidence, So Stay On The Job."



This, in effect is the order of Attorney-General U. S. Webb, to shyster McAllister and his two assistants who have been put back on the C. S. cases in Sacramento where they are trying to railroad 18 workers to 54 years each on "evidence" manufactured by McAllister.

Elks Distort Revolutionary Traditions In Drive on C. P.

By Harold J. Ashe.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—Traditions of the first American Revolution are being distorted by the Elks in their campaign against the Communist Party. It was revealed here recently by Michael E. Shannon, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

"From historic old Concord, where in Revolutionary days was fired the first shot that was heard around the world and started the fight for human liberty, came yesterday a call for a tremendous national movement against Communism," declared Shannon, now in this city.

"Under a plan proposed by the Elks of Concord, I will enlist the aid of 1400 Elks' lodges in the United States."

memorial to Congress," said Shannon.

"With the aid of its local American Legion posts and branch of the Junior National Chamber of Commerce, whose aid nationally already has been pledged, signatures of residents in the community will be obtained for memorials."

"The memorials will call on the Senate and House of Congress to enact this year a minimum of eight anti-subversive points into a law."

"The memorials will be assembled in the Chicago national headquarters of the Elks on Washington's birthday. They will be presented to Congress with a formal letter on March 13, the day when the first blood was spilled on behalf of the Revolution."

"Then our lodges, posts and chamber branches will arouse the citizenry of the country to demand individually of Senators and Representatives that they do something to combat subversive movements by enacting the eight points into law," concluded the 1935 story.

"Each lodge will receive a me-

Foreign News Briefs

London Fascists Raid Daily Worker Office

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 10—Five fascists thugs made a raid on the English Daily Worker office here late at night after most of the staff had gone home. Two workers, one a cripple, were badly beaten and heavy fire extinguishers were hurled at them.

Later the five fascists were brought to trial. One was sentenced to two months in jail, one to 14 days, another was suspended and the fifth was found "not guilty." During the trial, the magistrate took the opportunity of expressing his disapproval of the Daily Worker.

Protest Against Spanish Death Sentences

MADRID, Spain, Jan. 11—Numerous protests from other countries against the death sentence of twenty-five revolutionary workers, are pouring into the offices of the fascist government here. It is declared only the widest possible mass protest can save their lives. Meanwhile, the torturing of the Socialist journalist, Xavier Bueño, by the fascist sadists, was confirmed here this afternoon.

Trotsky Upholds Terrorists

PARIS, France, Jan. 12—The Liberal League of Rights For Man, in co-operation with the Trotskyists, is leading a campaign here against the execution of the self-confessed counter-revolutionary terrorists who were responsible for the murder of Sergei Kirov. The campaign is conducted under the demagogic slogan of "Liberty For All."

The anti-fascist Liberation Committee, headed by Henry Barbusse, launched an appeal clarifying the stern measures of the Soviet workers in the interests of the international proletariat and calling for the reinforcement of the struggle against fascist terrorism.

Japanese Plunder Manchurian Villages

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 10—Bands of bandits, organized by the Japanese imperialists are continuing to penetrate the demilitarized zone in Manchuria, burning and plundering villages, in order to give the Japanese government a pretext for concentrating its forces in the region of the Great Wall.

Japanese authorities in Manchuria are continuing to round up arms, particularly among the peasants in Jehol and Hopei, north of the Great Wall. The peasants have been ordered to surrender under threat of severe punishment, not only firearms but all manner of farm implements which "could be used as arms."

Swiss Arrest Communist At German Behest

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 13—The Swiss Federal Council has arrested Heinz Neumann, former Reichstag member and German Communist leader, at the behest of the Nazi public prosecutor in Berlin and is holding him pending transmission of detailed charges by German authorities.

Extradition to Germany means certain death for Neumann as the bloody Nazi executioners have been after him for months. An immediate worldwide storm of protest addressed directly to the Swiss Federal Council at Zurich and to the Swiss consulates in the United States is necessary to prevent the murderous extradition proceeding.

British Plan Air Base Near U.S.S.R.

CALCUTTA, India, Jan. 14—Vazarat, a part of the district of Gilgit in the northern Indian province of Kashmir, today was ceded directly to British control. It now is probable the British government will build an air-base at this strategic point.

Vazarat is 100 miles from the Asiatic territory of the Soviet Union. The administration of the territory will be under the rule of an appointed agent of British imperialism.

World Events and Western Workers

Communists And Militant Socialists Carry On In Saar

By Emmett Kirby

Party Prepares Underground Activity AS New Fascist Attack Begins—Saar Coal Needs Lorraine Ore—Hitler To Abolish Storm Troops As Unreliable

In atmosphere of intense terrorization, and confused with many promises, the overwhelming German population of the Saar Valley voted to return to Germany.

The solemn promises of the Hitler gangsters of a full year for the Jewish people to adapt themselves in perfect freedom to the new conditions, as well as a pledge of no terror, given to insure the Catholic workers who constituted 73 per cent of the population, coupled with the exact opposite—open threats of reprisal on those militants who voted against Hitlerism—this is the story of the vote.

Jewish workers who were not fooled by these promises and worked for retention of the status quo were subjected to a wholesale confiscation of their voting cards and told to leave at once. The last two weeks preceding the plebiscite Sunday were marked with shootings by Nazi gangsters of members of the anti-fascist front. The day of voting among secret Nazi organizations and open Nazi members acting as "guards" at the polls.

This was the "neutrality" of the vote of which the League of Nations is now boasting.

*** "Vote For Jobs."**
Not the least of the many influences brought to bear was the propaganda of Roeding, head Nazi and leading industrialist in the Saar who stood to gain two ways through return to Germany, spreading stories of prosperity and jobs depending on the vote.

This was aimed particularly to split as much as possible the Communist-Socialist front influence, which was strongest, indeed about 50 per cent, amongst the workers in the industries and the coal mines. These workers constitute 60 per cent of the population of this most densely populated section of Europe.

And just as many in the United States in 1932 thought that in voting for Roosevelt they were voting for jobs, Roeding's propaganda misled many into believing that a return to Germany meant more jobs in industries and mines where unemployment has been increasing.

A year ago 18.6 per cent in heavy industry and 11.6 per cent in the mines were jobless and the figures have leaped since with falling off of production.

*** Attack Grows.**
Already before the official returns have been solemnly looked at by the top-hats of Geneva and with the League's troops still present, the fascist terror has been increased, though this was

not bother the solemn dignitaries who will hand over the Saar to Hitler. Five workers were killed and many injured Wednesday in various parts of the Saar and in Saarbrücken the Communist headquarters were closed down by the simple expedient of Roeding buying the building for one of his banks. Others were less subtle about it, however, and the Socialist headquarters were closed with out any reason. The so-called celebrations are becoming organs of intimidation and open terrorization.

Despite this, however, and much to the surprise of the French government the exodus of refugees is not reaching the proportions expected. The workers of the anti-fascist front, inspired by the heroic example of the underground work of the German Communist Party, and led by the Saar Communist leader Fritz Pfordt, are staying right where they are, prepared with the flexibility which is characteristic of the Communist Party organization, to carry on their work underground.

The militant Socialists are doing the same, still united in the common front. The open headquarters of the United Front has, however, been moved to French soil. Max Braun, Socialist leader, has gone to Geneva to protest the plebiscite. He declares he will return, but regardless of that, the militants of the Socialist Party are staying, realizing the renewed importance of their position because of the result of the vote.

*** Key Position.**
They are in a key position to aid the strengthening of the anti-fascist movement internationally of the working classes of Germany and France, and though their spot is dangerous to personal safety, they are heroically keeping the front solid.

The vote means definitely an attempt to strengthen the fascist movement in France will be made, and no sooner was the result announced than Hitler made a bid to France to aid that move by putting out a feeble for reconciliation.

One of his most important links in this is Roeding. In his long industrial rivalry with Thyssen, Roeding now seems to be getting the upper hand. Thyssen backed Hitler into power and consolidated himself in the Ruhr, but now the Saar Nazi leader is holding ace.

*** Need Lorraine Ore.**
To Hitler's war plans Saar coal is only half the story. The other half of this economic unit is Lorraine ore for steel. And Roeding is allied with the stronger section of the French steel trust. The dominating LORSAAR Combine finds the de Wendels and Roeding fighting Laurent and the Deutsche Bank. But there is now every probability that the Deutsche Bank, controlled by Hitler's Minister of Finance Schacht, will sell out to Roeding, uniting stronger the fascist move in the French government wherein the voice of the de Wendels, Munitions Makers, and steel fabricators, speaks very loudly. This sale would isolate Laurent, de Wendel's strongest rival in French steel.

It is, of course, ridiculous to speak of "French" and "German" interests. Roeding the German recently concluded an exceedingly profitable deal to equip the French eastern fortifications, that many-miles-long ring of steel and concrete underground fortifications which was supposed to be to prevent German invasion.

Roeding's previous offer to buy the French out of the Saar in return for larger share in Lorraine ore is now but a matter of time, in itself it is not already consummated.

*** United Front Barrier.**
This will have the effect in France of strengthening his and de Wendel's old ally, Tardieu, who is intimately connected with the armed fascist organizations and will undoubtedly work for strengthening the fascist movement and an understanding between them and the Nazis. The prearrangements to a fascist alliance between Nazi and French ex-soldiers is already under way.

The struggle they have before them is against the United Front of French Communist and Socialist workers, which extends to dominate the trade unions, a movement which is growing stronger week by week. The demonstration last weekend of 12,000 unemployed at the gates of Paris demanding bread is but one of the many manifestations of this strength.

That this move for French support, heralded in Hitler's renunciation of "any further territorial claims against France," will be made is dictated in part by the recent French-Italian agreement which weakened the Nazi position regarding their design on Austria. Hitler, in great danger of being isolated in Europe, is forced to maneuver any "reconciliation" he can. His mass support dwindling away, his economy close to bankruptcy, he was forced to a desperate move which even the Saar seizure does not rectify.

*** Opera House Meeting.**
This was disclosed at the recent Nazi Party emergency meeting at the Berlin Opera House, where it is reported, because of the increasing unreliability of his Storm Troopers and Schutz Staffel, they were ordered soon to be abolished. The army, the Reichswehr, will henceforth have complete charge.

Further than that it is reported

that many Nazi leaders are slated for the discard, including Goebbels, Darré, Rosenberg, Mueller and others. Goering, head of Prussia, the largest state, gets a setback in the new plan to divide the country in twenty army zones, eliminating old boundary lines. He will have no army of his own, but take orders from the Reichswehr. This giving the country over more strongly to a military dictatorship, and abolishing the support that carried Hitler into power and is now turning against him as he starves the people, is a frantic attempt to save himself. It is a move laying the foundation to put the country on a war basis.

Endeavoring to offset this, it is reported, though not yet confirmed authoritatively, that Germany will be run by a directorate of four: Hitler as Chancellor, Gen. von Frisch as vice-chancellor, von Nodding as foreign minister, and Gen. von Hammerstein as minister of war. This, if true, can only be seen as a further attempt at reconciliation, as von Frisch and the group he represents favor overtures toward the Soviet Union, particularly along trade lines. It would represent indirectly a reaction to the tremendous worldwide anti-Nazi sentiment which has manifested itself in the fight to free Thaelmann. But such a maneuver, if true, could only be temporary, while Hitler aims to strengthen himself in accord with the internal disaster he faces, Saar or no Saar.

*** Judge Fines, Jails Portland Militants**

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12—Nine North Portland unemployed were arrested at a relief station Dec. 21 when they refused to leave until the case of a family needing rent was settled. The International Labor Defense had then released on their own recognizance.

They came to trial on Jan. 9. Because a lot of petitions had been circulated in the North Portland neighborhood among the neighbors protesting the arrest of these workers, the judge got sore and said that it sounded "like a lot of Communists behind it."

All but two were fined \$5 and suspended. George Moore and David Morgan were fined \$5 and had to serve it out.

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Soldiers from the regular army in Spain who were finally captured and imprisoned. They had joined with the workers of Asturias in the armed uprising of October.

BAIL

is urgently needed for workers facing a Criminal Syndicalism Law frame up in Sacramento. These defendants have been suffering imprisonment since July.

Enough funds have only been procured to date to secure the release of two. Bail has been set at the exorbitant figure of \$3000 cash or \$6000 property for each worker.

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By MICHAEL GUIN

The contradictions of bourgeois literature were never expressed more clearly than in the inscriptions which decorate the lobby of the State Library here in Sacramento. The walls are decorated with colorful mural paintings representing fighting men down through the ages. From ancient days up to the world war, soldiers are depicted in snappy, well-tailored uniforms and they all have handsome, brave faces something like the Rover Boys.

On one side is the inscription: THIS VESTIBULE IS A MEMORIAL TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED THE STATE AND NATION DURING THE WORLD WAR. Inside the library you will find more than a hundred volumes on the shelves which prove beyond any doubt that these men and women served neither the State nor the Nation, but were merely duped into slaughtering their fellow workers in other countries (or visa versa) in order to swell the bank rolls of the wealthy capitalists who own the earth.

But the best inscription is the one on the other side. THIS HOUSE OF PEACE SHALL STAND WHILE MEN FEAR NOT TO DIE IN ITS DEFENSE. In other words, there will be peace as long as there is war. They will prevent murder if they have to murder half the population of the earth in doing it.

I ran into one of the MEN WHO SERVED THE STATE AND NATION DURING THE WORLD WAR not an hour after viewing this "art." Urged by an ordinary necessity, I entered one of Sacramento's honky-tonks (there are three in every block). The place boasted a small jazz orchestra and one of the patrons had borrowed the sticks and was showing off how he could make the drum roll like they do in the army. On entering the filthy washroom I encountered a ragged man holding with both hands to the wash basin. The opening of the door let in a loud rolling of the drum and the man recoiled sharply and began quivering from head to foot. "Close the door!" he screamed, and kept screaming it till I jammed the door shut.

He continued to quiver this way and to clutch at the basin. At first I thought he was drunk or a hop head. In a minute he quieted down and I found that he was a shell shocked veteran. He tried to tell me in a half apologetic way how he couldn't stand that sound, how he knew there was another war coming, and for kismet for me not to go. "Do anything," he said, "but don't let me send you off."

I stepped outside and told the talented drummer to stop and vaguely why. Only then would the MAN WHO SERVED THE STATE AND NATION venture out. He was unemployed and had been for two years. He was living in the County transient flop, sleeping on the floor with out a blanket and subsisting on the warm garbage they pass out twice a day. He was thin as a rail and his nerves were completely shot to hell. Originally he was a clerk in a ragged filthy clothes he is wearing he has no hope of ever getting a clerk job.

Now a devil of a lot of good it does that man that they have dedicated a vestibule to him.

But this is supposed to be about literature. The technique of the bourgeois war is to describe the horrors of trench warfare and yet make the reader feel, "Man alive! What a thrill! If I could only do that!" Here I found John Doe, the first man to write a true book about the war and he did it in his THREE SOLDIERS. Other honest war books followed, but that was the first.

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CHINESE LOCAL OF ILGWU WINS VICTORY HERE

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Realizing that the incoming congress controlled by Roosevelt and his Wall Street backers will make further attacks upon the conditions of American workers, the Chinese cotton dress contractors, like the American jobbers, already are planning how to rob whatever small gains the Chinese workers have won during the past period of the NRA.

They are already convinced that the NRA code will be abolished and that the new cotton code, which calls for a shorter week (36 hours) and a corresponding increase in wages (from 33-13 cents to 36-11 cents per hour) is just a scrap of paper. So they are deciding to make new regulations for themselves, putting the weekly minimum for a 36-hour week at from \$12 to \$13.

* 48-Hour Week. In the Elsie Shop, 706 Sacramento Street, the employer started again to work on a 48-hour week basis, in violation of the 36-hour code. On Saturday, January 12, she called all the workers to report to work in spite of the fact that under the new code, they are not to work on this day. But her act was discovered by the Chinese local of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and immediately a patrol committee of Chinese and American workers was organized and went to stop the work.

The employer was forced to admit that there has been no change in the NRA regulation but that she took the liberty of changing it herself. She showed the workers a telegram, in English, from NRA officials, which she claimed formed the basis for her action. Most of the workers were unable to read the telegram, which said that the employers could work 40 hours and all the rest, only 36 hours per week.

* Work Stopped. When informed by the ILGWU that the Union and not the NRA will fight for shorter hours and for better working conditions, this boss immediately shut off the motors and sent the workers home again. She was forced to promise that she would keep the regulations.

There are a lot of typical "sweatshops" in Chinatown and the Chinese local of the ILGWU is out to organize all those workers who are now "sweat-slaves" to the shopowners.

HAUPTMANN

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among which were sums of money collected for Hauptmann's defense.

Hauptmann also is continuing to organize sentiment for the Hauptmann defense fund. On Saturday, January 18, the New York Journal-American's New York Journal-American's International News Service yesterday offered the services of Inspector Larrut, father of the American first print service, to aid the defense. Rolly admitted that the ten known handwriting experts on his staff are paid "not less than \$100 a day," but failed to say how they are paid, although Hauptmann himself has no money.

The Hauptmann paper, the New York Journal, is also building up pro-Hauptmann sentiment by printing results of alleged polls among Flamingo residents and newspaper men which claim to show that the majority of them believe Hauptmann innocent.

The defense tactics are to pin the crime entirely on Isidor Fisch, Jewish turner who died penniless in Leipzig, Germany, last year. District Attorney Foley of the Bronx declared at the time of the arrest that Fisch could not have committed the crime, and Hauptmann himself declared that Fisch was innocent.

Write an article on the conditions in your shop, neighborhood or S.E.R.A. job and order a bundle of Westerners for your fellow workers.

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HAWAII:	
F. K.	\$ 1.00
Receipts 3rd Week	\$ 403.27
Previously Acknowledged	\$1,428.50
Yet to Raise	\$5,168.13

THIRD WEEK

Subscribers Army Recruits

Los Angeles Section	27
San Francisco Section	11
East Bay Section	5
Sacramento Section	5
San Diego Section	3
San Jose Section	2
Santa Barbara Section	2
Salinas Section	2
San Mateo Section	1
Eureka Section	1
Idaho	1
Oregon	1
Hawaii	1
Alaska	1
Ohio	1
TOTAL	64
Previously Acknowledged	220
Yet to Recruit	2716

BLACKLIST SECTIONS

We have not heard from the following on funds:

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LENIN MEETS

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seal numbers will be given, and other working class leaders will speak.

In San Diego, the meeting will be celebrated Monday night at the Workers' Club, 852 Fifth Ave., cor. E. St., at 8 p. m. Stanley Hancock, Communist Party Section organizer, and Paul Alexander will speak.

The Memorial at Santa Barbara will be held Friday evening, Jan. 18, 8 p. m., at the Workers' Center, 208 W. Canon Perdido Street. Harold Ashe, recent Communist Candidate for Secretary of State will speak and the program will be enhanced with Mike Gold's mass drama "Strike" put on by local workers.

In the East Bay, workers will rally at Conrad's Hall, 1819 Tenth Street, Berkeley, Sunday night, Jan. 20th with workers from Oakland and other parts of the section participating.

Taraka workers will celebrate at the Finnish Workers' Hall, Monday night, 1418 A Street, Jan. 19, at 8 p. m.

In San Jose the Memorial will be held Sunday night at Druid's Hall, cor. Market and San Carlos. Mini Carson and Billy Newman will speak.

Workers throughout the state are urged to attend these meetings as rallying points for the struggle for unemployment insurance, against the Criminal Syndicalism Law, against the fascist and war program of the Roosevelt "New Deal" Administration.

Jobless Congress

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LABOR FRAME-UP

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executive, Boy Scouts of America.

August F. Brinkman, manager of the Consumers' Ice Co. C. M. Ash, commander of the George Manhart Post No. 391, American Legion.

Mrs. Gerald Jones, commander of the Capital City Women's Post No. 389, American Legion. R. L. Moore, Orchard Supply Co.

Charles Holtz, manager of the Sierra Theatre.

Allyn L. Burr, president of the Sacramento Builders' Exchange.

Rabbi Norman H. Goldberg.

J. H. Stephens, president of the Merchants' National Bank.

A. J. Harder, Attorney.

A. C. POWERS, field adjuster, National Recovery Administration.

JAY ELY, secretary, National Recovery Administration.

Rev. R. L. Bailey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Mayor Arthur J. Ferguson.

Muriel C. Schreck, secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Wallace Shepard, Attorney.

S. Luke Howe, Attorney.

Ralph Lewis, Attorney.

George F. Watrous, Insurance Agent.

Lee Flavin, sales manager, Morrissey Co.

Every one of the above named persons have issued public statements endorsing the Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.

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United Farmers' League is circulating signature lists and plans to send several farmer-delegates to Sacramento.

A mass meeting is planned in Fresno at which the united front basis will be built in that section. At Tulare a united front committee already has been set up and at Porterville a similar committee is in the field. A city-wide, united front conference has been called for January 25 at Bakersfield.

At Los Angeles the Provisional Committee has established

headquarters at 129 West Third Street, Room 315, and numerous organizations already have joined the movement. A second conference will be held there on Jan. 27.

In San Francisco, a second conference will be held on Feb. 24. In addition, a united front affair is planned for February 16, for the purpose of raising money to defray the expenses of the campaign. A monster send-off rally for delegates to the Congress will be held March 9, the day before the departure for Sacramento.

Gallagher Hits Webb Action

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Bond bail supplied by the International Labor Defense for Norah Conklin was refused at the request of McAllister on the grounds that the name of Anita Whitney appeared on the documents and that she is, according to his interpretation, a "fugitive from justice." McAllister stated that a warrant for her arrest had been issued in connection with the collection of signatures to put the Communist Party on the ballot.

Gallagher pointed out that Anita Whitney is easily available if the police wanted to arrest her but that they refrain from doing so because they appreciate the charge against her is baseless.

* The Curtain Rises.

In the afternoon, the trial really commenced. Following reading of the indictment, McAllister made his opening statement to the jury, reciting a terrifying and bloody plot originating in Moscow for the violent overthrow of capitalism and explaining that he wanted the jury to send the defendants to the penitentiary for 50 years for attempting to carry it out in Sacramento.

Throughout the trial, the notorious "Red" Hynes, Chief of the Los Angeles Red Squad sat between prosecuting attorneys McAllister and Johnson. The three huddled close together and neither McAllister or Johnson endeavored any action without first consulting their "authority." To an uninformed observer, Hynes would appear to be directing the prosecution.

The first witness of the prosecution was Sergeant Ray Peart of the Sacramento Police. He testified to having arrested defendants Huffine and Fisher on the morning of July 21 and charging them with vagrancy. They were standing around the Hall of Justice at the time. Although admitting he had known them for more than a year, Peart failed to explain why he had not arrested them before. He also admitted that he had no warrant.

* Hates Without Knowledge.

The second witness, Under Sheriff Dewey Baker admitted that he was bitterly prejudiced against the Communists. Later he confessed that he knew nothing whatever about the principles of Communism. He was part of a squad of police who raided a workers' hall and arrested many of the defendants. He also arrested A. G. Ford, Martin Wilson and Lee Hung in Sacramento's Hooverville on the same day.

* No Weapons.

By questioning Baker, Martin Wilson brought out that the only activity that he had been arrested for was defending workers in the courts.

Baker confessed that all the police were heavily armed and were equipped with tear gas guns but that no arms of any description were found on the workers or on the premises.

"You found no guns, no bombs, no dynamite," asked Defense Attorney Goldman. "No," replied Baker. "Then did you conclude that they were going to overthrow the government with their bare hands?" Baker made no reply.

Officer Fred Kess took the stand and described literature found in the Workers' Book Shop which he had raided and identified the "Program of the Communist International" from which Prosecutor Johnson read.

This reading was a fine piece of attempted deceit. He read only isolated sentences designed to give a false impression and carefully eliminated all statements of conditions requisite before a workers' revolution could take place.

He read in material concerning religion, which had no bearing on the trial but might prejudice the jury. On Gallagher's objection the section was stricken out but was already implanted in the minds of the jury.

* "Why Communism?" Read. Officer Russ next identified a copy of "Why Communism," the brilliant pamphlet by M. J. Olin. McAllister took up the reading but was halted three times by the jury. On Gallagher's objection the section was stricken out but was already implanted in the minds of the jury.

At one point he made a serious error. He read a selected sentence pertaining to trade union activity, then he read a few words beyond it: "The Communist Party supports every struggle for higher wages." He stopped himself just in time to block the word "wages." In a very weak voice he requested that this be stricken from the record, which was granted.

L. D. BUILDS UNITED FRONT FOR C. S. FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Carrying on the work of building the united front mass campaign for defense of the 18 victims of Criminal Syndicalism frameup in Sacramento, committees from the International Labor Defense are visiting trade unions, fraternal and other workers' organizations to join the defense movement, and send delegates to the conferences to be held.

The support so far gained as a result of the meeting in Eagles Hall, S. F., Dec. 24, which includes the A. F. L. Rank and File Committee, the Epic Leagues, Democratic Open Forum, Utopian members, the Conference for Defense of Labor's Civil Rights, and L. D. has brought about the spreading of the united front. At a meeting Saturday morning many other organizations, including particularly trade unions, will elect a committee for the United Front defense and will issue a call which will be spread throughout the state, asking support for the statewide conference which has already been called for Feb. 10th and to be held in whatever other way they can. Defense and campaign funds are sorely needed and should be sent to the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market St., Room 410.

Fifty thousand leaflets with the appeal for help issued by the C. S. prisoners from the Sacramento jail are being printed, and will be distributed by the L. D. To rally support in Southern California a big C. S. defense mass meeting is being held this Friday, Jan. 18, at the Mason Opera House.

CELERY STRIKE

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strike new in an attempt at quick arbitration and settlement, fearing that the strike idea might spread to agricultural workers in other parts of the county who are also affected in the 25c minimum wage contract. Despite this minimum contract, workers claim in some Vista and Escondido fields hourly wages are as low as 15c to 17c an hour.

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WARNING—To Whom It May Concern—Feb. 3rd is CONFISCATED by the Waterfront and Mission Sections for a Mass Banquet, Dance and Games to be held at Corinthian Hall, Valencia St., between 13th and 14th, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. HANDS OFF THIS DATE! Watch this paper for further information.

SPARTACUS CLUB BENEFIT DANCE and Entertainment. Good food and refreshments will be served. Everybody come if you want a cozy time. Sunday, Jan. 20, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., 7 Dikeman Pl., between Ellis and O'Farrell on Mason St. Entrance on Dikeman Place. Admission 15c. Ladies Free.

HITLER OVER SAAR—Hear Jack Olsen, District Organizer, Y. C. L. give a stirring account of recent election in Saarland. What is the "BROWN INTERNATIONAL" and what effect does it have on the American worker. Workers School Open Forum, Sunday, Jan. 10, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., 463 Hayes St.

MAXIM GORKY CULTURAL SOCIETY will present a new Soviet comedy "THE LANDLORDS' GHOSTS." Also concert program and DANCE. Admission 25 cents. SATURDAY, Feb. 2, at 8:00 P. M., Equality Hall, 141 ALBION ST., bet. Val. and Guerrero, off 16th.

Oakland

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Fight Fake Unemployed "Insurance"

Typical of the fake unemployment "insurance" bills calculated to keep the masses of workers from struggling for real unemployment insurance is Assembly Bill No. 86, a duplicate of Senate Bill No. 30. This bill is more than merely ineffective in alleviating the misery of unemployment. It is definitely a vicious blow against the labor movement. It is a good example of the putting into practice of that "humanitarian" note sounded by the liberal Hatfield.

First of all, it does not "benefit" any of the workers at present unemployed. The bill provides that "insurance" be paid beginning with January, 1937—two years hence. And even then, payments do not start immediately. A worker must be unemployed four weeks before he draws any benefits, and then is to receive one week's benefit for every four during which he has contributed to the reserve fund out of his wages while employed!

The bill provides specifically (Article 5, Section 57) that a worker is to receive benefits for no more than 13 weeks during a calendar year, if he has been employed for a period of between 52 and 103 weeks previously and has contributed to the reserve fund out of his wages during that time.

If he has been employed for more than 103 weeks, and made his payment to the fund regularly, he may receive benefits for 20 weeks during a calendar year.

And the amount of the benefits? Sixty-five per cent of the average weekly wage; not to exceed \$15 a week, nor to be less than \$7 a week.

In practically all cases these benefits, if and when paid, will be much closer to \$7 a week (assuming that within 2 years the act is not amended to allow the payment of a smaller minimum). This can easily be seen by the fact that the bill provides for the computation of the normal working hours per week based on the average number worked in the preceding three years. Remember that wages are going down in the administration's long range wage-cutting policy, and that, according to conservative A. F. of L. figures, unemployment is increasing, with no sign of improvement in sight.

Contributions to the reserve fund are to begin January 1, 1936, and are to be made by appropriations by the State Legislature; by employers paying 3 per cent of their payrolls; and by workers paying 1 per cent of wages, to be deducted by the employer. Let us examine these "fair" and "equitable" provisions:

First, workers should not be asked to contribute to any unemployment insurance fund! Unemployment is caused by the greed and chaos of the capitalist system—which benefits the employing class at the expense of the workers! The burden of unemployment should rest squarely upon the shoulders of the capitalists and their government.

As to the appropriations by the Legislature: Outside of an initial appropriation of \$100,000 asked for by the authors of the bill (which is to be repaid to the State before Jan. 1, 1937) there are no stipulated amounts the Legislature is required to contribute at stated intervals. Quite to the contrary, the Legislature may, at its discretion, transfer money appropriated for this fund, to other funds.

And what about the three per cent of total wages paid, to be contributed by the employer? What is to prevent the large-scale employer, whom this bill would affect, from cutting wages 3 per cent on one pretext or another and thus making 3 per cent increased profits? Or firing three per cent of his employees and speeding the rest up so that production and profits are not affected? Or tacking the amount of his contributions onto the price of his goods and thus passing the cost on to the workers?

Now we come to the most vicious, anti-labor part of this "humanitarian" measure: the list of those not eligible to receive the "benefits".

Workers who lose employment through "misconduct!"

A worker who has the temerity to protest against bad working conditions, or inhuman speed-up, or a wage cut, or any of a number of abuses, will be discharged for "misconduct"—and not eligible. Workers who leave their jobs "voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer!"

There are a thousand ways in which employers have forced militant workers to "quit voluntarily" through making the job unbearable by petty persecutions. And who is the judge of the "good cause"? The Unemployment Reserves Commission of the State—which is the court of last resort. The composition of this Commission, as will be pointed out, is ample guarantee that the interests of the employer will be adequately protected!

If the worker "left his employment because of a trade dispute and continues out of employment by reason of the fact that the trade dispute is still in active progress in the establishment in which he was employed!"

IN OTHER WORDS, WORKERS WHO GO OUT ON STRIKE FOR DECENT WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS ARE AT ONCE CUT OFF FROM PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS!

"If without good cause, he has refused to accept suitable employment when offered to him."

IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE STATE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU OFFERS AN UNEMPLOYED WORKER A JOB AS A SCAB, AND THAT WORKER REFUSES TO TAKE IT, HE IS IMMEDIATELY CUT OFF THE ELIGIBLE LIST! WHAT A CONVENIENT SCAB-HERDING AGENCY THE STATE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU WILL BE!

Then, of course, there is the residential qualification usually contained in measures of this kind—providing that a worker must have been a resident of the state for one year, and must have been employed for 26 weeks during that time, before being eligible for benefits.

The Unemployment Reserves Commission provided for in this bill is to be composed of five appointees of that ultra-efficient strike-breaker Merriam, as follows: Two to represent the interests of "labor" (such as the bureaucrats Vandeleur and Scharrenberg, no doubt); one to represent the "state" and the "public" (some close pal of Merriam's or Hatfield's, of course); one to represent the large employers, and another for the independent merchant and small employers!

This is the Commission in whose loving hands this Bill would entrust the interests of the workers of the state!

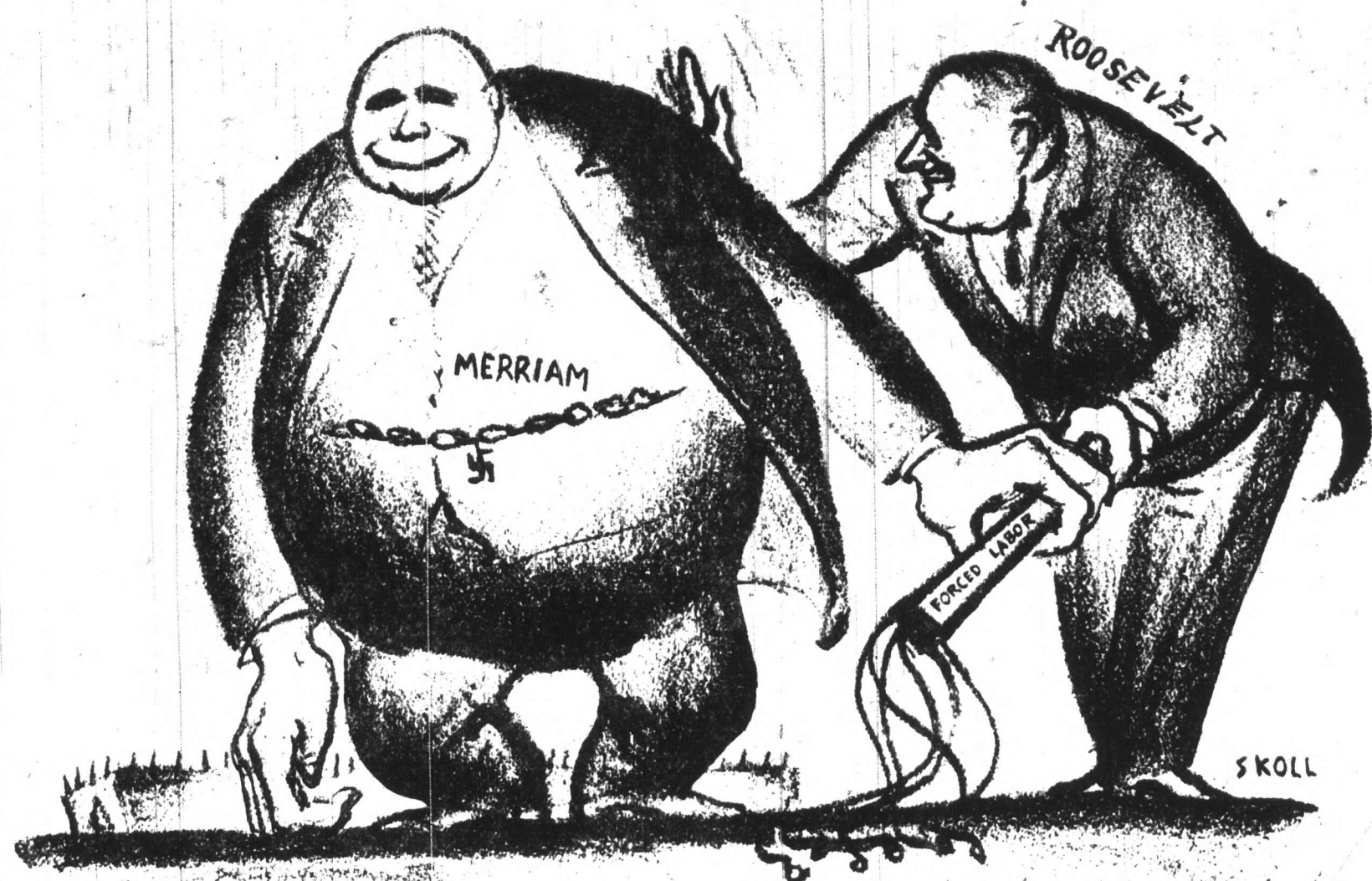
The Bill in its entirety is notoriously anti-labor!

IT IS A MOVE MADE BY THE LEGISLATIVE AGENTS OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS WITH AN EYE TO THE COMING STATE UNEMPLOYMENT CONVENTION AND ITS PROGRAM OF STRUGGLE FOR A MEASURE OF REAL SECURITY!

Workers in all organizations Write to your Assemblyman protesting against the passage of Assembly Bill No. 86! Write to your state senator protesting against Senate Bill No. 30! Demand the passage of the Workers' Bill, to be introduced shortly!

OPPOSE THE STRIKE-BREAKING, WAGE-CUTTING MEASURES OF THE CAPITALIST LAWMAKERS WITH A DEMAND FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE STATE AND THE EMPLOYERS!

"We Have Undertaken A New Order of Things."—Roosevelt's Message to Congress.



WHAT THE CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM LAW MEANS TO LABOR

By Luther Mincy.

One of the seventeen workers facing trial on charges of Criminal Syndicalism in the Sacramento courts. These workers face possible sentences of four to fifty-six years in the penitentiary.

The Criminal Syndicalism Law was enacted in California and many other states immediately after the World War. Its purpose was to smash the strikes and labor struggles which shook American industry at that time and to make it possible for employers to railroad strike leaders and militant workers to the penitentiary on charges of attempting to overthrow the United States government by force and violence. It has never been used for any other purpose than as a weapon against organized labor.

Wherever organized workers repudiate the fake labor leaders placed in their ranks by employers, and establish rank and file control—wherever they direct their own struggles for better wages and conditions, the strikes are crushed by this vicious law.

* Prohibited.

The C. S. Law prohibits militant action by striking workers to prevent scabs from taking their jobs.

The C. S. Law prohibits workers from organizing militant resistance to the attacks by unlawful force and violence of vigilantes, hired thugs and the police.

It prohibits the unemployed from assembling, forming demands and presenting them to the government. Whenever unemployed workers organize under their own leadership, they are attacked with violence by all agencies of the bosses. When they organize resistance to these attacks they are accused of seeking to overthrow the government.

Workers who petition their fellow workers in uniform not to let themselves be used in time of street wars and demonstrations to shoot down workers (perhaps their own mother and father) are accused of sedition under the C. S. Law.

* Why Is This?

Lots of workers will wonder how this can be when the law reads that only sabotage, force and violence for the purpose of overthrowing the government come under the provisions of the law.

Let us examine the C. S. cases being tried here in Sacramento. Why were we arrested? How was the case built up? Who is in back of it?

For many years conditions of the agricultural workers in California went from bad to worse. Wages were cut to the bone and hours increased. The workers lived in tents and filthy camps, having for wages as low as ten or twelve cents per hour. In the cotton fields, wages dropped from \$1.50 per hundred pounds to 60 cents per hundred pounds.

Spontaneous strikes broke out. These did not worry the exploiters because the workers were not organized and did not know how to struggle. The growers brought in scabs and broke the strikes easily. These growers were making bigger profits than ever before because they had forced wages down so low.

Then came the militant Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union which organized the workers efficiently. Now when the workers struck, they formed picket lines around the fields and shut down the scabs. These strikers were attacked by the police, the sheriff's department, the highway patrol and gangs of vigilantes. Many of the smaller strikes were crushed by this vicious law.

The union spread through the state. In the fall of 1933, 15,000 cotton pickers struck. The big growers met the workers with all the terror they could muster. Three workers were shot in Pixley. But this strike resulted in wage increases of over \$1,000,000 for the workers.

* Growers Terrified.

This was cutting into the big profits of the growers. Using their lying weapon, the capitalist press, they launched a violent campaign of propaganda against the workers. They accused union leaders of plotting to dynamite bridges, burn houses and destroy crops, police and vigilantes attacked picket lines with tear gas, clubs and guns. Workers defended themselves with sticks and stones. The press immediately accused the strikers of using force and violence to overthrow the government. The Communist Party was attacked in one of the most hysterical newspaper campaigns ever carried out in America.

Last summer the big growers, industrialists, heads of banks, power trusts and utilities got together at Fresno, Calif. They laid plans to smash the C. & A. W. I. U. and the Communist Party. A special fund was to be raised to try "Red" cases and special prosecutors were to be hired. The plan was far reaching; it included press campaigns, the cooperation of scabbed patriotic organizations

and the aid of government agencies.

They succeeded in getting the executives of the American Legion, the Ellis Club, the Eagles, the Scouts, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Golden West, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and many other societies to pass resolutions against Communism. Many of these resolutions were put through without consulting membership. This was revealed in the questioning of prospective jurors for our trial.

* Frame-Up Carried Out.

We were arrested in the height of the hysteria which surrounded the general strike when Governor Merriam, General Johnson, Mayor Rossi of San Francisco and many others were whipping up the red scare panic to a frenzy. But expenditures from the funds of former District Attorney Neil R. McAllister of Sacramento revealed that he was paying stool pigeons to frame the prosecution three months prior to this.

One of the devices used by McAllister to prejudice public opinion against us was to openly accuse Communist sympathizers of kidnapping his star witness, William Hanks and taking him to Reno, Nev., on a bus. Hanks admitted in the indictment that he is a paid stool pigeon of the District Attorney's office.

The entire case against us is built upon the framed testimony of paid stool pigeons and upon the interpretation that workers defending themselves from lawless attacks on picket lines are using violence to overthrow the government.

When the growers of Imperial Valley were using violence and brutality against workers in an effort to break a strike, workers of California, supporting the strike instituted a boycott against valley produce as a form of protest. The prosecution intends to use this against us as evidence of sabotage.

We defendants feel that the issues contained in the indictment against us are issues that place every worker in California on trial. This is a fight, not just to free us, but to preserve the rights of labor as a whole. We appeal to all workers and organizations to get behind the drive to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law and smash the frame-up we are facing.

Does your Party unit get a regular bundle of Western Worker for neighborhood work? If not, take up this question at the next meeting. Help us reach the thousands of Epic and Utopian workers with a real workers' paper.

—Mike Plesh.

The Working Class Fights



Lenin, Leader Of Revolution

By John Hunt.

Lenin was born in April 22, 1870, in Simbirsk, on the Volga River. His parents were of the middle class intellectuals; his father was a school teacher and later inspector of schools for the province.

When Vladimir Ilyich Lenin was seventeen, his older brother, Alexander, was executed for plotting against the tyrannical Czar Alexander the Third. His brother's example, heroic though it was, showed him that freedom could not be won by murdering the worst of their rulers so as to terrorize the others into granting some bit of liberty, as the Terrorists believed.

Only the organized working class, aided by the poorest peasants, could, through revolutionary mass action, overthrow the Czar, set up their own new kind of government, and begin to build a free society, he realized. The Communist Party which Lenin led never has believed in, or resorted to, any act of terrorism as a means of improving the condition of the workers.

Shortly after, Lenin entered Kazan University, and was expelled for his activity in organizing students. Although four years later he passed his final law examination, he never began the practice of his profession.

* Small, Immediate Demands

Leaving Kazan, Lenin went to Petrograd, where his writings soon caused him to be recognized as an outstanding figure in the revolutionary movement. He formed the first workers' organization there, the "League of Struggle for the Emancipation of Labor." He organized and led the first workers' strikes, and wrote leaflets, expressing the demands of the Petrograd workers, such as hot water for tea, higher wages, shorter hours, against fines.

In all these day-to-day battles for better working and living conditions Lenin taught the workers that they were preparing for the overthrow of the rule of the bosses and the Czar. Only in this way could they do away with the necessity of perpetually fighting for their small demands. And at the same time only by engaging in day-to-day struggles, would they gain the experience and knowledge necessary to overthrow their exploiters.

From the beginning of his activities, Lenin saw from his study of Marx that the liberation of the workers could be achieved only if they were guided by working class teachings and theory. He never harbored mercy for those who tried to bring in any ideas that would harm the struggles of the workers. He captured Lenin's words, "Without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary movement." All of Lenin's writings have the quality of struggle about them, and have been written on the basis of the daily struggle of the workers to better their conditions.

* Siberian Exile

In 1898, Lenin was thrown into prison, and after a year's confinement, was exiled to Siberia for three years. While in prison he continued to write leaflets, which

NOTICE!

All Sections should make final plans for the two day functionary school which will take place January 26 and 27. Each unit is responsible for finances for food, transportation and housing for the members of their unit attending the school. For further information regarding the schools apply to your Section Anti-Prop or Section Organizer.

Recruiting Tempo Must Be Increased

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18. LET US HEAR from the various sections on how many "Honor Stamps for Recruiting into the C. P. U. S. A." have been given out. To date, we haven't heard of any. This "Honor Stamp" has been issued by the Central Committee to intensify the recruiting drive in the various districts.

Any member who recruits one or more members into the Party, receives one of these Honor Stamps, which will be pasted into his membership book. From now until March 1st, which will be the end of our Four-months Plan of work, the slogan will be EACH UNIT MUST HAVE TWENTY MEMBERS. Comrades! Let's get busy on this and build our units. Get your contacts together and have a leading comrade from the Section present to speak to them. Such a meeting was held in the Downtown Section, San Francisco, last week, and seven members were recruited into the party because of that meeting. Your Section can, with a little effort, get as good or a better result.

Visit your neighbors, make contacts in the Epic Leagues, trade unions or mass organizations. Get these contacts together this week.

REMEMBER! EACH UNIT MUST HAVE TWENTY MEMBERS by March 1st. Every member should recruit at least one member in order to have an honor stamp in his book by March 1st. DISTRICT ORGANIZATION DEPT.

were smuggled out of prison, and played the same role in leading the workers inside prison as he had when free. In Siberia he applied himself diligently to the study of Marxism.

Here he wrote the book "The Development of Capitalism in Russia", which destroyed the popular movement which previously had dominated Russian revolutionary thought. The Tondists believed that Russia would never go through the capitalist stage, but that the peasants, through some mysterious nature of theirs would create "socialism" alone. Lenin proved by facts and figures that capitalism already was in Russia, turning the peasantry and handicraftsmen, and producing a growing class of propertyless workers, or proletariat, who had no way out except by seizing power by revolution.

This could only be done one way, by means of an organized party leading the workers and peasants, instead of the spontaneous, uncoordinated fighting of different individual groups of peasants or workers. This party Lenin, on his return from Siberia, proceeded to build up.

* Split In 1903.

In 1903, at the Second Congress of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party, a serious split occurred between two factions of the Party. On the one hand there were opportunistic elements seeking a weak, liberal party combining all the so-called liberal elements. Lenin, on the other hand, broke away from the opportunists on the question of action, and insisting that the party be organized on a basis of discipline so that it would be difficult for the opportunists (mostly middle class intellectuals) to enter the party. He proposed that every member should be active and be responsible to some local organization in the party. Lenin's party was called the Bolsheviks (meaning majority), the others the Mensheviks (or minority).

* 1905.

The revolutionary theories were soon put to test. The Russo-Japanese War, and the intolerable conditions of the peasants caused intense unrest. On January 9, 1905, thousands of workers, led by a priest acting as a government spy, marched peacefully to the Czar to ask for bread, and were given bullets which killed a thousand of them.

A wave of strikes, greater than any yet known to history, broke out. They turned into economic strikes to general strikes, to political strikes. They were followed by immense demonstrations, and armed uprisings. The crown prince of the revolution was the armed uprising in Moscow in December, 1905.

The continuing contribution of the 1905 Revolution to revolutionary theory was the Soviet form of workers' organization, based on each separate factory and centralized through delegates to city soviets, or councils. Lenin saw in the Soviet the form of the workers' state which would be able to overthrow the capitalist State and rebuild society on a Socialist basis.

When the revolution was ended in the blood of workers and peasants, the Mensheviks promptly blamed the workers for having risen. Lenin set to work to collect

all available material about the uprising, to study it thoroughly and explain to the workers just why the uprising had failed and how their mistakes could be corrected. This was merely the general rehearsal which showed them how a better organized and more determined effort would bring victory.

During the next few years there was a period of bitter reaction and intense terror, during which it seemed as if the revolutionary cause was crushed. Lenin himself was obliged to flee from Russia. But he did not despair, and continued to lead the revolutionary cause from abroad. By 1910 the Russian labor movement was reviving. In 1912 hundreds of striking Russian workers were massacred in the gold fields of Lena, Siberia. By 1914 the strike movement was so general that the world war was considered by the capitalists as a savior of the Czar's regime.

In sharp contrast to the Socialists, Lenin and the Bolsheviks fought bitterly against the war. At Zimmerwald, in Switzerland, an International "left" Congress convened to urge opposition to the war. The delegates were inclined to pursue a pacifist policy, instead of taking a consistent revolutionary attitude of fighting the war vigorously.

* Return.

The overthrow of the Czar in February, 1917, gave Lenin the opportunity he had been awaiting. He returned to Russia, he realized that the people wanted not set about to give it to them, although the government was then in the hands of the capitalists. He raised the slogan "Peace, Bread, Land and Freedom." To Lenin, this was explained to the workers that it was necessary for them to seize power through the Soviets. "All power to the Soviets" was the slogan he issued.

The reactionary character of the new Russian government was soon evident. While the Bolshevik Party was suppressed and Lenin was forced into hiding on the false charges that he was a German spy, the reactionary General Kornilov tried to seize power and proclaim himself dictator. This was prevented largely by the opposition of the workers under the guidance of the Bolshevik Party. In spite of this General Kornilov retained his command, but Lenin was still forced to remain in hiding.

Lenin saw clearly the character of the capitalist Provisional Government, and the desire of the workers and peasants for a change. This was shown in the great gains of the Bolsheviks in the city election in Petrograd and Moscow. Before the election, and against the opinions of a few of the Party leaders he urged the Bolsheviks to seize power. The Provisional Government fell without a fight, showing once again the correctness of Lenin's judgment.

That the revolution came about in Russia is, due in large part to Lenin. By constant study, insistence on rigid discipline within the party, and a thorough knowledge of Marxist theory, he turned what would otherwise have been an anarchic, aimless, and unsuccessful revolt against the exploiters, into the formation of the world's first Socialist state.

MUNITIONS, MONOPOLY, IMPERIALISM AND WAR

This is the eleventh of a series of articles exposing the link between the war machine and American industry. It reveals the immense capacity for organization and efficiency of capitalism in mobilizing the entire strength and resources of a country for purposes of mass murder in the interests of private greed, and its complete inability to organize these forces for the welfare of the people.

By BILL DUNNE

TEAR GAS

"REAL EFFECTIVE GAS"

Mustard gas probably produced more incurable and certainly almost unendurable suffering among the soldiers than all the other gases and instruments of war combined. The torture inflicted by the use of mustard gas would have been much greater in scope had it not been for the fact that it was introduced at a comparatively late date into warfare on the Western Front.

The chemical name of mustard gas is dychloroethylsulphide. It is made by blowing gaseous ethylene into liquid sulphur monochloride. Ethylene is given off by the distillation of coal for producing the ordinary gas used in households. It was impossible during the American participation in the World War to fulfill the military requirements from the municipal gas works. Therefore, the requirements of the military forces for this chemical were filled through an especially developed process, the chief part of which was a method of passing alcohol over hot caolin.

So effective was mustard gas thought to be by the American general staff and the general staff of the Allied armies, whose mili-

tary needs were taken care of mainly by American production, that by the time the Armistice was signed the Edgewood plant alone was making 30 tons of mustard gas per day and a number of other plants were being built designed to increase the total daily production of mustard gas to 200 tons.

The Ordnance department, at the time the Armistice was signed, had made a proposal that American production of mustard gas be increased to 1,400 tons per day.

The military objective of the so-called irritating gases—gases that do not kill but create great discomfort—is to reduce the efficiency of enemy troops through the resulting discomfort, and to compel them to wear gas masks. The mere wearing of a gas mask induces such personal discomfort that it lowers the morale of the troops. A number of cases were invented for this purpose alone.

They are listed mainly under the general descriptive term of tear gases. (Since the World War tear gas has become one of the main weapons of police and militia against striking workers, unemployed demonstrators and so on.)

The basic constituent of tear gas is bromine. The chief source of this chemical is those salt liquids which form in and around natural salt deposits. The main source of the bromine used in the manufacture of tear gas during the World War in the United States was Midland, Michigan.

To take care of the requirements of the American and Allied military forces for this one delightful instrument of modern warfare a plant was built designed to turn out 650,000 pounds of tear gas per year.

(To be continued.)

Workers, farmers! Get a bundle of Western Workers and distribute them to your shop-mates, friends and neighbors.